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CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

The Amador County Publishing Company has bought the AMADOR LEDGER, and will edit and publish this paper, discontinuing the publication of the Amador Republican, which it has owned and published for some years.

That the publication of two Republican papers in Jackson has been unwise from a business standpoint, always has been realized by every one in the community, except R. Webb, who was instrumental in establishing the Republican. No one has realized this more vividly than the editors of the two papers. For two years past matters pertaining to a consolidation of the LEDGER and the Republican or a purchase of one by the owner of the other has been discussed and considered, while the advisability of such a course has received the attention of many of the leaders in business and in politics throughout the county. On January 2, 1900, the matter was settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned by the consummation of the sale of the LEDGER to the Amador County Publishing Company, which company has decided to discontinue the publication of the Republican and devote its energies to increasing the growing influence of the LEDGER for the betterment of Amador county.

With this change in ownership comes my retirement from the newspaper business in Amador county after seven years as editor and proprietor of the AMADOR LEDGER.

The ups and downs of a newspaper man's experience were never better illustrated than by the experience of the LEDGER during the last seven years. During it all the LEDGER and its proprietor have come up smiling after every knock down, and he, by the exercise of a little pluck and energy, has managed to keep the paper in the front rank of journalism along the Mother Lode. During the seven years it has set the journalistic pace for the county, and its owner and editor has a right to feel proud, and does feel proud of its achievements.

The LEDGER has made many friends by its upright and honorable course in its dealings with all men and measures, and is proud of them. At the same time it has incurred the ill will and enmity of some people from whom it has pulled the mask, exposing them to the broad light of day through its columns. Some of these, aye, many of them, have taken the course of the LEDGER as a personal matter, but, as all honorable and respectable papers and their editors are proud of their enemies, the LEDGER is doubly proud of those it has made.

The writer hereof could fill a book with his experiences as a journalist in Amador county, but as all of the contemptible, connubiating and infamous intrigues directed against him have been exposed by this paper and thoroughly understood by its readers and friends, they have signally failed of their intention and thus have come to naught, and on this occasion further reference thereto is unnecessary.

The course of the LEDGER in the future will doubtless be upward and onward. The conditions are ripe in this community for a powerful Republican newspaper, which it is the intention of the present owners to make it, as well as to keep it the leading newspaper and the leading advocate of all of the material interests of Jackson and of Amador county. That they will receive the hearty assistance of the people in the matter of subscriptions and advertising, which are so necessary to make a successful newspaper, there can be no doubt, and with these the future success of the LEDGER is assured.

And, now, knowing that my newspaper experience in Amador county has closed; believing that with its close I will leave a congenial association with the other newspaper men in the county; fearing that with its close will come changing scenes and other climes; and forever mindful of the many favors for which I am under the greatest obligations to advertisers, subscribers and other patrons and friends, I bid the newspaper world of Amador county farewell.

WILL. A. NEWCUM.

Jackson, January 5, 1900.

DESERTING THE SINKING SHIP.

The popgun organs of the Democracy are still telling the people that Bryan and sixteen to one is the proper slogan for the party in 1900. They are, on the average, using syndicate editorials issued by the Bryan information bureau and sent broadcast throughout the land in the hope that the lazy or tired Democratic editor will incorporate them in the editorial columns of his paper to save labor, and thus become responsible for their publication. Almost daily some paper comes to this office whose editorials wear the earmarks of the syndicate. In the light of the fact that the leading men of the Democratic party throughout the United States are falling away from Bryan and his cause these syndicate editorials are, to the minds of thinking men, the veriest rot. That they are leaving him and his cause like rats leave a sinking ship there is no doubt. The latest Bryanite to catch the infection is W. S. McComas, editor of the Democratic Magazine, published at Chicago, who concludes an article entitled, "Breakers Ahead" in the current number of that magazine with the statement that the nomination of Bryan against McKinley in 1900 "means foregone disaster to his party." Mr. McComas has been, up to this time, an advocate through good and evil report of the Chicago platform, silver and Bryan—always Bryan.

He says also that he, in common with others, has been deterred by a feeling of delicacy and by a desire to avoid giving offense from speaking the plain truth. Then he sets forth that the belief has grown up throughout the land that Bryan cannot lead to victory this year; that the party must remain divided while he is the leader. The philosophy of that belief is dismissed with the reflection, illustrated by the citation of Henry Clay and James G. Blaine, that popular idols are not often elected President. The leaders of the party, it is explained, "realize this, but seem to choose defeat rather than encounter hostility that is as unreasoning as it is pitiless. Mr. Bryan is asked to sacrifice himself this time with the certainty of nomination and election four years hence.

The article concludes: "The discussion of the question of Mr. Bryan's successor would be premature. Though many names are being mentioned, privately, it is certain that their eligibility should not be canvassed until the general question of leadership has first been settled. They are agreed that Mr. Bryan's renomination would mean a repetition of the disaster of 1896 and in a worse form. It is for the party to choose between certain defeat and possible victory."

WRECKED THE OFFICE.

An attorney, E. E. Wood of Angels Camp, who had a grievance against the Calaveras Citizen of San Andreas, entered the office of that paper and wrecked the forms which were almost ready to be put to press for the last current issue of the paper. The act was committed by Wood while enraged over a number of articles reflecting upon him as an attorney and citizen, which appeared in different issues of the Citizen, and because of which he had brought suit against the management of that paper for damages. Just prior to the act Wood met C. O. Ziegenfuss, the editor, on the street and demanded to see what was in the paper about him that week. Ziegenfuss calmly denied the request and slowly walked away. Wood went directly to the office, and, finding the door locked, forced it open and did the job. As he was leaving the place, he remarked to a bystander that he guessed nothing would be in the paper about him that week, or words to that effect. The only legal steps possible, under the circumstances for Ziegenfuss, in the matter, is to prosecute Wood for malicious mischief and a civil suit for damages. The latter, however, is hardly feasible, as Wood is said to be judgment proof. Everything considered, Mr. Wood is extremely fortunate even though he receive the full penalty of the law for his crime, as there are but few newspaper people in the country who would not go "gunning" for him under the circumstances.

VARIOUS amendments and changes have been made in the county ordinances since they were published a few months ago. It would be well at this time for the District Attorney to have the license ordinance, No. 91, so amended that it will be clear to all, whether saloon men who were in business when the ordinance was passed have to secure a license by the prescribed course this year or not. The ordinance reads so it is subject to either interpretation, and it should be made clear enough to be understood by all who read. License Collector Gregory says it is necessary to get a new license, while the District Attorney says it is not.

BY NOTING the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors it will be observed that the contract to make maps was awarded to John Brown, the supervision thereof being made the duty of the County Surveyor. This should cause no delay in the prosecution of the suit to recover on the bond of the ex-Assessor.

IN THE news columns of the LEDGER this week will be found an editorial from the San Francisco Post, the title of which is "The Love of Dirt." Attention of the citizens of Jackson is called thereto. Comparisons are "odorous," and at the same time unnecessary.

THE way people are asking for saloon licenses it would seem that there is a growing belief that there are not enough saloons in Jackson.

THE LOVE OF DIRT.

Indisposition of Mankind Generally to Submit to Sanitation.

An Eastern newspaper, commenting upon the indisposition of mankind generally to submit to sanitary innovation, refers to the population of Havana, Cuba, as the most incorrigible on earth. The American military authorities who have been running that city for some time have insisted upon sewerage, scrubbing, deodorizing and sterilizing the town, and on all sides the people are objecting to the process and making invidious comparisons between the methods of the American health officers and the tyranny of the Spanish tax-gatherers. Evidently they think it was easier to get along with the Spaniards than it is now with the Americans, since they are being made the victims of cleaning-up processes, which they regard with holy horror. Indeed, one newspaper openly declares that they prefer to be left undisturbed with their filth and death rate.

But this attempt to force cleanliness upon the people of Havana is not being met with any less hilarity than the American civilizing methods are being received in the Philippines. A Manila correspondent for an Eastern newspaper wrote the other day that General Otis had made the people of Manila a great deal cleaner than they cared to be made, and he predicts that if the American General persists in his sanitary plans, he will soon have the native population in rebellion.

These things sound exceedingly funny, but it will be remembered that the population of Bombay a few years ago persisted in dying of the plague rather than submit to sanitation. But are the barbarian tribes of tropical countries the only people who resist cleanliness? We remember that when Colonel Waring took charge of the New York Street Cleaning Department his sanitary schemes were resisted with great strength by Tammany Hall, and when he was finally turned out of office by Boss Croker, the people rejoiced that they could freely return to their muddy streets and foul-smelling sewers. This sounds funnier still.

The antipathy which most people have to cleanliness is one of the marvels of history. It can be explained on no theory except that it is natural for all animals to be dirty.—San Francisco Post.

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A Native of Jackson Passes Away.
Albert N. Bruml died at Stockton December 27, 1899. The deceased was the son of M. Bruml, a pioneer of Amador county, and was aged forty years, ten months and eleven days. He was a native of Jackson. [Amador papers please copy.]

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